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Church Directory.

St. Mark's Church.—Rev. G. P. Schetty, D.
D., Rector.
Services: Sunday, 10:30 a. m., 7 p. m.
Sunday School after morning service. Friday, 4
p. m.

Catholic Church.—St. Mary's Immaculate Con-
ception. First Sunday of every month at Ar-
lington: Mass at 10 o'clock; Catechism after
mass. Second, fourth and fifth Sundays at
Paw Paw: Mass at 10:30; Catechism, 3 P. M.
Third Sunday at Decatur: Mass at 10 o'clock;
Catechism after mass. During the week, Mass
at 8 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. W. Harvey,
Pastor. Sunday School at 12 M. J. W. Free,
Sup't. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.
M. E. Church.—Rev. G. L. Cole, Pastor.
Services: Sabbath morning at 10:30; Sabbath
School at noon. A. H. Herron, Sup't. Evening
service at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Thurs-
day evening.

F. W. Baptist Church.—Rev. J. B. Drew,
Pastor. Services: Sabbath morning at 10:30;
Sabbath School at noon. Geo. W. Matthews,
Sup't.; evening service at 7 o'clock. Weekly
Prayer service, Thursday evening.

Christian Church.—Rev. O. Ebert, Pastor.
Services: Sabbath morning at 10:30; Sabbath
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Waverly Wanderings.
Eddie Colby is able to be around again.

May Myers is spending vacation at home.

Frank Gorton and wife are going to house-
keeping in Mrs. Brown's house.

Santa Claus and wife came out of their
house, made a visit to the children at the
Christmas tree at Covey Hill church, and
brought their basket full of presents, besides
all the other nice things.

Married, at the Parsonage in Albion
township, Dec. 20th, 1881, by Rev. J. H.
Darling, Mr. Clarence E. Brown of Pine
Grove, and Miss Mina A. Vallee, daughter
of Theodore Vallee of Waverly.

Mr. Allie Niles and Ella Grant at their
wedding received the following presents:

J. H. Niles and wife, elevated preserve
dish and 1 doz. sauce dishes; Miss Etta Al-
len, card receiver; Miss Nellie Hyames,
pickle fork; W. H. Hyames, double ink
stand; Mrs. Minnie P. Lamson, toilet set;

Laura Allen, 8 individual salters; Orla Har-
mon, one large lamp; Mr. and Mrs. H. M.
Stout, cake stand and molasses cup; Mr. and
Mrs. Elmer Hyames, set of vases; Mr. and
Mrs. G. W. Bask, glass water pitcher and ½
doz. goblets; Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Allen,
pickle dish and majolica tea pot; Mr. and
Mrs. Geo. Davis, glass water pitcher; Mr.
J. S. Barton, glass water pitcher; Clinton
Hungerford and Hattie Davis, glass pickle
dish; Johnny and Carrie Gault, butter knife;

Rolla Bush and Nettie Niles, butter knife;
Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs.
M. J. Blakeman, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jen-
nings, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Streater, one set
plated forks.

Pine Grove Pencillings.
Married, Dec. 25th, at the residence of the
bride, near Kendall, by Rev. S. D. Ross,
pastor of Baptist church, Peter McAlpine to
Cora Brooks, all of Pine Grove township.

The school in this village closed on Friday
last for a vacation of two weeks, after having
been in session for four months, and through-
out has been a perfect model of success. Mr.
M. Whalen, who has been for the past two
years in our service, has proved himself to
be a hard working and efficient teacher and
does all in his power to please those for
whom he labors, and we are proud to say
that, notwithstanding the severity of the
county examiners, those of his students who
made applications for certificates to teach
the winter term, received the same, and are
now at their labor, attended with the very
best of success. There has been on the roll
during the past term 56 names, and con-
tinually growing. All who were present
Friday afternoon, enjoyed the rare treat of
some well selected and prepared declama-
tions and essays.

A PARENT.

Prospect Lake Pickings.

Herb Jacobs is back from Illinois.

Tip Stoddard and his parents started for
Iowa, on Monday, Dec. 21st.

Arthur Jacobs is home from Ceresco mak-
ing his parents and friends a visit.

A dancing party at Charlie Christie's last
Friday evening. Oysters were served.

At Nathan Stanley's, in the east part of
town, a girl, and Nathan thinks her the
"boss" girl of the town.

Mrs. Sarah Smith and her daughter, who
now live in Decatur, have been spending a
few days, including Christmas day, at the
farm.

H. Jacobs and family attended a Christ-
mas gathering on Christmas Eve, at the
Covey Hill church, and spent Christmas at
E. Jennings.

Stephen Plopper is about to reverse an
old established philosophical principle of
hydrostatics, and make water run up hill, by
means of an Eureka wind-mill.

The funeral of Mrs. Rhoda Bellis took
place at the Prospect Lake school house, on
Sunday, Dec. 18th. The services were con-
ducted by Elder Columbus Scott of the L. D.
S. Church.

Lawton Legends.
Old Mr. Waite is quite sick.

A new piano at Lawyer Tabor's.

No preaching at the M. E. Church Sunday
evening.

Elder George is holding revival meetings
in Porter.

George Pritchard came home to spend
Christmas.

Mrs. Showers has bought widow Baker's
place.

Fred Bitely came home from the North
last Saturday.

Mrs. Sebring has bought the Eber Smith
house and lot.

Bertha Desenberg, who has been quite
sick with malarial fever, is getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawton, on their re-
turn from New York, brought with them a
nice baby girl.

Henry Jackson, of Fargo, Dakota, is stop-
ping at Mr. Hall's.

Willie and Edith Johnson hung up their
stockings at their father's this year.

Miss Bertie McKelheny has been stopping
at home during the Bangor school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wickwire, of Elk-
hart, Ind., spent Christmas at Mr. Walldorf's.

A large India ink portrait of the late
Myron Hall, has been hung in the Post-
office. Its life like appearance does credit
to the work of Mr. George.

Porter Parlane.
John B. Toby has sold his farm to a Mr.
Beck from Marcellus.

Peter Barker has taken unto himself a
"rib." Miss Mary Beach now has more
Bark to her last name.

Scott Castner has sold his farm, and is
hunting around to suit himself somewhere
in Porter.

Married, in Porter, the 24th inst., by Rev.
H. West, William H. Beebe to Miss Leonora
A. Cornish, both of Porter.

This is the third week of protracted meet-
ing at South Porter, but it has been such
bad weather that not much interest has been
manifested yet.

Christmas was duly celebrated at the Town
Hall, there being literary exercises and a tree
for the pleasure and benefit of the little folks,
and some of the big also.

The largest gift we have heard of so far,
was a cash gift of over two hundred dollars.
W. W. Hall was the fortunate man. Wonder
if he don't wish Christmas came oftener.

Another man received \$100.

Florence Hodge, mentioned in our last as
being sick with typho malarial fever, is
convalescent. Viola Paddock is threatened
with the same disease, but at present the
doctors hope to check it in the beginning.

Singing school has "busted." Some of the
"old cuds" promised to assist in getting up
a school, and after books had been sent for
and there was a prospect of a school, they
giggled, leaving some with a lot of books on
their hands at considerable expense.

Some of the "boys in blue" have christened
the north-east corner of Porter, "Anderson-
ville," that being the head center of the
"pension raiders." A relative of one of the
raiders, in speaking of him a few days ago,
said, "D—n him, he ought to have been
hung during the war. At the time of the
draft he was only eleven years younger than
his mother." It is singular that so many
seek notoriety. Some seek to be brought
before the public mind by good deeds; others
seek to be notoriously mean and a public
nuisance, and are successful. Who are these
"pension raiders" that we hear so much
about? What is their record of loyalty to
the government in time of trouble? Why do
they make such a fuss about a disabled sol-
dier getting a small pension from the gov-
ernment in shape of a pension? Do they do
this because they are friendly to the gov-
ernment and desire its welfare, or do they do
it because they hate those who saved the na-
tion? In time of war and strife, did they
cheer or hiss the soldiers? Did they desire
to feed or starve them? Did they wish our
army well or ill? Did they rejoice at our
success, or glory in our reverses? We would
like to have some of their most eloquent and
gifted arise in all their bigness and answer
the above questions, and while you are up
tell us why you erase a soldier's name on a
genuine simon pure, dyed in the wool.

"Democratic ticket," before you would vote
it? Who are they that have volunteered to
be the cannon for community? Do they
realize that they are doing a work that is too
dirty for any decent individual to engage in
and bear the reputation of being respectable.
What ails you? What makes you act so?
Why, you are offensive to the nostrils of the
nation. Shame on you.

Keeler Kennings.
It is generally believed that two weddings
will take place soon, near the village.

Next Sabbath evening Mr. Buell preaches
on the "New Year." Very appropriate.

The grange is prospering finely, have elec-
ted entire new set of officers, with one or
two exceptions.

James Thomas' three children have been
married during the year, and Christmas his
son and daughter-in-law, daughters and sons-
in-law, were home to a Christmas tree.

Married, at the M. E. Parsonage, Keeler
Center, Dec. 25th, by the Rev. G. A. Buell,
Mr. Wm. F. Sumner, of Bainbridge, and
Miss Lovina Mirkle, of Keeler.

A number of the friends of Mr. John
Baker, as has been their custom for a num-
ber of years, gathered at his house on Christ-
mas and partook of a bountifully prepared
supper, and a day of pleasant social inter-
course was spent that will be long remem-
bered by all present.

Christmas morning, Rev. Mr. Buell pre-
ached on the Advent of Christ. His thoughts
were clothed in words beautiful and expres-
sive; many expressions were full of poetry
and artistic symmetry. Could all public
speakers study to present their subjects in
attractive language, they would have more
listeners. Mr. Buell's sermons are generally
full of thought, suggestive of a higher life.
We shall all do well if we profit by his teach-
ings and do as well as we know how.

The entertainment by Miss Julian and
Mrs. Sherwood, last Tuesday evening, was
fairly attended, but their selection of pieces
was poor. The "Only a Brakeman" is too
sorrowful; people go to an entertainment to be
relieved of care, anxiety and study, and
there is so much real sorrow in every house,
that to have it reproduced on the stage, is
too trying to the heart, brain and nerve; to
children those death scenes are hurtful, and
ought to be discontinued by the public.

These eloquentists cater to public opinion—
they are not to blame.

A boy 20 years old by the name of Dick
Bradfield, who has knocked about the world
and has spent several months at the
Reform School, has now committed a crime
that will give him a taste of Jackson board-
ing-house. He was spending the night with
a neighbor, and while his bedfellow was
asleep, he arose, took a watch and chain and
pocket-book containing \$11.00 belonging to
his companion, and traveled. The constable
is after him with a warrant, but Dick has the
start and will, no doubt, flee to the wilder-
ness.

Almena Atoms.
Chauncey Palmer is having quite a serious
time with rheumatism.

Mrs. Arthur Robbins and children from
Nebraska, have been visiting friends here.

*The Christmas exercises at the church
were fine, the presents abundant and nice,
and the music and speaking good.

William Billsborough, who sold his farm in
Antwerp, has purchased Hep. Niles' farm in
this town and will soon take possession.

The many friends of Wm. and Nellie
Deming gave them a surprise on the evening
of the 26th, that being the third anniversary
of their marriage. A pleasant time was had
and the guests departed at a late hour, wish-
ing the happy couple many happy returns of
the day. They left a nice lot of presents
behind them as substantial tokens of their
good wishes. [Our space will not permit a
publication of the list of gifts.—Ed.]

Decatur Dribblings.
The latest from the sneak gang are a score
of turkeys, lots of chickens, 20 bushels of
wheat from the M. C. warehouse, the contents
of some clothes lines, and no arrests yet.

The worthy spouse of Dr. Browning is very
sick and as I sit writing Dr. Rose is hurrying
to her bedside. May his efforts restore her
to health and to her family and friends.

Prof. Jordan lectures next Friday evening
at Trawbridge Hall, to the Woman Suffrage
Association, which has obtained a firm foot-
hold upon a good many of the denizens of
our steady hamlet.

S. N. Thomas, who, by the way, has the
best appointed hardware store in southwest
Michigan, is having a new office built in his
store, which will prove of great convenience
and facilitate the arduous labors of the book-
keepers.

A warrant was sworn out before a Lawton
justice-of-the-peace for John Steele, by the
Conrads, to heal an old grudge of nearly two
years' standing. Several parties were at first
arrested and John, then being in Dakota, es-
caped arrest. Returning a few days since,
they have donned their war paint, exhumed
the hatchet and declared for go-ah! Tabor
is the life of the issue and gets a general con-
demnation from all the solid, law-abiding
citizens of this village and vicinity.

About noon last Saturday there was a
shower of straw cinders about the village,
which, we have since learned, was occasioned
by the burning of two stacks over the swamp.
Had the fire been at night Decatur would
probably have been credited with another
conflagration.—Decatur Republican.

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